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REPORT

Austria (Soviet Zone)

Soviet Troops in Kaisersteinbruch, Bruck, Allentsteig
and Goepfritz

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REMARKS

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Kaisersteinbruch.

1. Eight T-34 tanks, [redacted] were entrained at the Wilfleinsdorf (P 49/X 67) railroad station at about 1:30 p.m. on 25 September 1951. The shouts and gunfire of troops engaged in combat practice, were heard from the training area southeast of Kaisersteinbruch (O 49/X 67). Fresh prints of caterpillar tracks were seen on roads leading to the training grounds. 50X1-HUM
2. Thirty-four motor vehicles were parked in the cantonment east of Kaisersteinbruch, where 15 soldiers, wearing red-bordered black epaulets, and 9 soldiers, wearing black-bordered red epaulets, were observed on fatigue duty. Trucks [redacted] were seen in the billeting area. All of them were driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets.
3. Officers observed in the cantonment west of Kaisersteinbruch on the south side of the road to Somerein (P 48/X 67) within 2 1/2 hours, included 16 with red-bordered black epaulets, among them several colonels, 11 with black-bordered red epaulets, and 3 with black-bordered black epaulets. 50X1-HUM

Bruck on the Leitha River.

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4. On 29 September, 6 tanks, possibly of the SU-100 type, were observed in the shed belonging to the garage southeast of the Bruck (P 49/X 77) railroad station. Officers with artillery insignia and sedan [redacted] jeep [redacted] and trucks [redacted] all driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets, were seen at the camp in the woods. The top of an antenna mast, braced by guy lines, was seen rising above the roof of the building at 693 Haupt Strasse. *

Allentsteig.

5. At noon on 25 September, about one company of soldiers, carrying full equipment and wearing red-bordered black epaulets, entered [redacted]

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the cantonment at the Allentsteig (O 49/R 53) troop training grounds. Ten sidecar motorcycles, occupied by majors and captains wearing arm bands of various colors, returned to the installation at the same time. Following the motorcycles,

2 T-34 tanks drove toward the cantonment. Truck [redacted], driven by a soldier with red-bordered black epaulets, picked up mail and 5 officers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia, at the railroad station. During the morning trucks [redacted]

all driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets, hauled briquettes from the railroad station to the cantonment. Van-like truck [redacted] was loaded with meat at the former cooperative warehouse (Genossenschaftslagerhaus). Most of the soldiers observed in Allentsteig wore red-bordered black epaulets, although 12 with black-bordered red epaulets, and 4 with black-bordered black epaulets.

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Goepritz.

6. On 27 September, a train of 3 empty boxcars and 26 empty flatcars was sidetracked at the Goepritz (O 49/R 64) railroad station. Railroadmen said that 12 tanks had been loaded and dispatched toward Vienna on 24 September. Truck [redacted] driven by a soldier with red-bordered black epaulets, picked up mail and 12 officers of various branches of service. The parking lot for tank trucks north of the railroad station was vacant. Tank trucks [redacted] were filled with fuel from a railroad tank car. Several soldiers were observed loading flour in the yard of the former factory, where 5 trucks were parked. Motor vehicles identified in Goepritz included [redacted] and trucks [redacted] all driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets. **

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Comment. The observations on Kaisersteinbruch and Bruck on the Leitha River indicate no changes in the military occupation.

Comment. The 12 tanks entrained on 24 September possibly belong to the 150th Tank Regt of the 95th Gds Itz Rifle Div in Camp Spratzern near St. Poelten. The regiment has probably been on maneuvers at the Doellersheim troop training grounds since August 1951.

the 13th Gds Mecz Div [redacted] previously observed in Klosterneuburg. Therefore the 46th Gds Mecz Regt of the 13th Gds Mecz Div, which left Klosterneuburg on 20 June 1951, was apparently still at the troop training grounds in late September. However, most of the other motor vehicles observed [redacted] belong to components of the 95th Gds Itz Rifle Div, as it was observed in the previous summer months.

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